

City of Allegan
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Griswold Auditorium – 401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010
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HDC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
DRAFT

Call to Order by Chairman Peter Savage at 7:00

1. Attendance

Present: Nancy Ingalsbee, Fred Jordan, Owen Hunt, Peter Savage, Jill Bentley, and Marcia Neigebauer

Excused: Kathy Cassady

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator

2. Agenda

Hudson asked that the two items under Other New Business be moved to New Business #s 4 & 5 and be added to the agenda as the applications have been received.

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the revised agenda. Second by Marcia Neigebauer.

Motion approved 6-0.

3. Minutes

Minutes for August 3, 2015

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the minutes as presented, second Jill Bentley.

Motion approved 6-0

4. Public Comment

Matt Heusser offered support for the Lucas application @ 349 Monroe

5. New Business

1) 357 Monroe St. (Matt Heusser, owner)

Mr. Heusser explained the problems with the exterior cellar door having been replaced numerous times

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the replacement of the wood door with a steel Biltco door. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee.

Discussion about visibility from the streets. HDC concluded that this door cannot be seen from any street. Motion approved 6-0

2) 349 Monroe Street (Denise Lucas, owner)

Lucas explained that the 'shadow-box' style fence was ordered by miscommunication with the contractor.

Peter Savage discussed the style of the proposed fence. He asked Hudson about the other fences. Hudson – the Fire Station is a non-contributing structure and the fence fits that design. The City records do not show when the other fences where erected so as far as he knows they must have been pre-existing before the ordinance was adopted.

Fred Jordan asked if the boards could be removed from one side and fitted to the other side to conform with the historic fence designs. It was pointed out that the boards are cut to over-lap

Hunt asked about the location, if it can be seen from the street. It will extend to the front face of the house.

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Ingalsbee noted that the contractor has been before HDC before and knows the guidelines as well as the rules.

Savage agreed the contractor should have known better.

Bentley noted that a white fence might look better.

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to deny the application for a 'shadow-box' style fence at 349 Monroe, and that the contractor should bear the expense. Second by Jill Bentley. Discussion about the contractor. Motion approved 6-0

3) 311 Cutler Street (Bill Creech, contractor)

Creech explained the proposal to add a low deck to the door of the carriage house and basement facing stone.

Ingalsbee asked about the location

Several compliments on the work already done to the house

MOTION; by Fred Jordan to approve the application for the deck and stone facing as submitted, Second by Owen Hunt. Discussion. Approved 6-0

4) 200 Locust Street (no representative)

Hudson noted that he had just received the application that day. That normally the replacement of screen doors would not be an Historic Commission agenda item but that without an application the work is defined as 'Demolition by Neglect'.

Nancy Ingalsbee said that she remembered when the question of the front door had come before the HDC c. 2006 and that it had been approved at that time.

CONCLUSION OF HDC: No action needed. Staff can approve the replacement of the storm doors now that an application has been received.

5) 245 Hubbard Street (John Watts, owner)

Watts said he does not know when the door was replaced but it had been rusted out.

Discussion on the use of the room but Savage ruled that this was not pertinent.

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the new door, second by Owen Hunt.

Discussion on the appearance of the new door versus the old door as seen in the photographs. Conclusion was that it does not detract.

Peter Savage asked if there would be further work on the lower level.

6. Old Business

1) Welcome Baskets

Discussion about corrections. Nancy Ingalsbee to make future copies instead of going to the printer.

7. Additional New Business

1) None – all items moved to New Business

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Hudson presented drafts of the HDC Goals & Objectives and a draft list of accomplishments for 2015.

Discussion.

Peter Savage will not be able to attend. Nancy Ingalsbee will represent HDC.

8. Education

Hudson was asked to look into having Sharon Ferraro back.

9. Staff Comments

None

10. Commission & Public Comments

John Watts said that he never has had anyone from the city ever ask what they could do to help him as a business owner.

Discussion on John Hanse's murals added over the Labor Day weekend.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: by Owen Hunt for adjournment, 2nd Jill Bentley.

Approved 6-0 @ 8:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson

Historic District Administrator

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